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## PUBLIC BRIEFINGS SCHEDULED FOR SNOW EMERGENCY FUNDING

Delaware Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have scheduled a series of applicants' briefings for municipalities and county and state agencies that might be eligible for Federal Snow Emergency relief funding for expenses related to the mid-February snowstorm.

The Public Assistance approved in the President's Snow Emergency Declaration of March 20 is only available for eligible expenses of local and state governmental entities and some nonprofit organizations. It does not apply to expenses incurred by individuals or businesses.

The Public Assistance Applicants' Briefings are as follows:

Wednesday, April 9, 2 p.m., City of Wilmington, Public Safety Building, 300 N. Walnut Street Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m., Sussex County Emergency Operation Center, 21303 Airport Rd, Georgetown

Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Kent County Emergency Operations Center, 911 Public Safety Blvd, Dover

Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m., Cranston Heights Fire Dept., 3306 Kirkwood Hwy (Prices Corner), Wilmington

FEMA Public Assistance Officers will be present at the briefings to explain criteria for eligibility and the application process. Expenses to be considered are primarily those incurred for snow removal. Some expenses for emergency services might be eligible.

All three counties are eligible to seek reimbursement through the Federal Public Assistance Program. The state, counties and municipalities can apply for funding for such expenses as those incurred for snow removal, equipment maintenance, operation and repair, personnel and other resources required to meet the needs of the public during the February 16-19 snow event.

For further information, prospective applicants can review the Public Assistance forms through the DEMA web site, <a href="www.state.de.us/dema">www.state.de.us/dema</a>; the forms are accessible under the Links icon listed as FEMA Public Assistance Interactive Forms.